

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) The device as set forth in claim 9, wherein the aperture in the sidewall of the bar extends completely through the sidewall, and wherein ~~A device for securing a bar to a trachea, the bar including an open end and defining a sidewall having an aperture extending completely through the sidewall, the device comprising: a fastener plug mountable to the open end of the bar, the fastener plug including~~ includes a plug portion and a fastener portion, the plug portion defining ~~[[an]]~~ the end cap and ~~the~~ at least one disc spaced apart from the end cap, the end cap including at least one retaining wall extending outwardly from an inner surface of the end cap so that the at least one retaining wall seats against and within the open end of the bar, the at least one disc being sized and shaped to mate with and seal the open end of the bar, the at least one disc defining a diameter adapted to be slightly larger than the diameter of the open end of the bar, the fastener portion defining ~~[[a]]~~ the flexible extension member, ~~the aperture engaging member being extending outwardly from the end cap and across the at least one disc, the extension member including~~ a projecting member adapted for operatively engaging the aperture in the sidewall of the bar such that the flexible extension member flexes as the flexible member is installed in the open end of the bar and snaps back to its original position when the projecting member is placed within and extends through the aperture in the sidewall of the bar.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein a rib connects the at least one disc to the end cap.

4. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the at least one disc is a plurality of discs spaced apart from the end cap.

5. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the extension member extends upwardly from the end cap.

6. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 4, wherein the extension member extends across the plurality of discs.

7. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 6, wherein the plurality of discs define a flat surface edge.

8. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the projecting member defines an inclined surface.

9. (Previously Amended) A device for securing a bar to a trashcan, the bar including open ends and defining a sidewall having an aperture in the sidewall, the device comprising:

a fastener plug mountable to the open ends of the bar, the fastener plug including an end cap and at least one disc spaced apart and connected to the end cap, the fastener plug including a flexible extension member extending outwardly from the end cap, across and spaced apart from the at least one disc, the extension member having a fixed end connected to the end cap and a free end opposite the fixed end, the free end including an aperture engaging-member for operatively engaging the aperture in the sidewall of the bar, wherein the end cap defines a peripheral edge and a flat truncated surface along the peripheral edge.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Amended) The device as set forth in claim 9, wherein a rib connects the at least one disc to the end cap.

12. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 11, wherein the at least one disc is a plurality of discs spaced apart from the end cap.

13. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 12, wherein the extension member extends upwardly from the end cap.

14. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 12, wherein the extension member extends across the plurality of discs.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) A device for securing a bar to a trashcan, the bar including open ends and defining a sidewall having an aperture in the sidewall, the device comprising:

a fastener plug mountable to the open ends of the bar, the fastener plug including an end cap and at least one disc spaced apart and connected to the end cap, the fastener plug including an extension member extending outwardly from the end cap and across the at least one disc, the extension member having a fixed end connected to the end cap and a free end opposite the fixed end, the free end including an aperture engaging member for operatively engaging the aperture in the sidewall of the bar, wherein the aperture engaging member defines opposing columns joined together by a rib, the opposing columns and rib form an inclined surface.

17-23. (Cancelled)